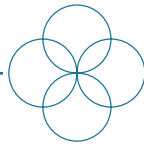


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CHRIST  
CHURCH UCC



March 2, 2025

## Welcome

## Prelude

**"I Am the Vine"**  
Chancel Choir

*C. Harry Causey*

## Call to Worship

Jean Braun

One: Come, all who are weary and burdened, for God invites us to share the load.

**All: We come, seeking wisdom, guidance, and rest in the presence of the Lord.**

One: Remember Jethro, who offered counsel to Moses, teaching the value of shared work and community.

**All: We too are called to support one another, lifting each other up in faith and love.**

One: Let us worship the God who equips us with wisdom and surrounds us with community.

**All: With thankful hearts, we gather to praise the One who leads us together in grace.**

## Black Hymnal #18

**"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"**

*John Hughes/William Williams*

## Praying Together (*unison*)

God, give us the boldness to speak when truth needs to be spoken. But help us to speak always in love, respect, and kindness as we know that we represent you to the world. But even as we ask this, we confess the times when we have spoken in ways that are not loving, or respectful, or kind.

But also, Lord, help us to listen when others speak into our lives. Help us to have humility as we recognize that we don't have all the answers and that truth comes not only from within us but from others as well. Give us soft hearts and minds to hear what others share into our lives.

Help us to speak. Help us to listen. Amen.

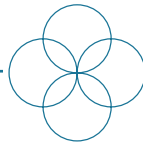
## Assurance of God's Presence

## Offertory

**"Give Me Jesus"**  
Kristen Whalen, soprano

*Mark Hayes*

## Prayer of Dedication



## Scriptures

Exodus 18:13-27

## Sermon

Bold In-law-ing

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

## Black Hymnal #531

“God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

*Frances Ridley Havergal*

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

“Capricho Arabe”

*Francisco Tarrega*

Max Gise, guitar

## Black Hymnal #522

“I Love to Tell the Story”

*Katherine Hankey*

## Benediction

## Postlude

“Joy to the World”

*George Handel*

Ben Gise, piano

*arr. Robert D. Vandall*

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## Offerings

If you would like to make an offering, you can put it in the plate during the service or you can give online using this QR code:



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## CHURCH STAFF

**Rev. Dr. Edward Goode**

Pastor

**Max Gise**

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# Announcements

## • Welcome to Christ Church

If you'd like information about our church, you can find our online service, newsletter, and much more on the church's website: [christchurchft.org](http://christchurchft.org).

Visitors are encouraged to fill out our "Friendship Form" by scanning this QR code or going to:

<https://bit.ly/ccucc-welcome>



## • Brighton Center

We are continuing to collect peanut butter for now. Thank you for your generosity!

## • Lent and Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on **Wednesday, March 5** with our **Ash Wednesday service at St. John UCC at 520 Fairfield Ave. in Bellevue at 7 p.m.** We will be sharing the service with First Presbyterian Church and St. John UCC.

## • Be the Church Sunday!

On **Sunday, March 30**, we will have a service of serving.

**9:30 a.m.:** Commissioning Service at Christ Church

**9:50 a.m.:** Go out to serve!

**Project 1:** Packing Hygiene and Non-Perishable Bags, Hoffman Hall, Christ Church

**Project 2:** Hymn Sing at Highlandspring in Ft. Thomas

**Project 3:** Pancake Brunch making and serving at Ft. Thomas VA Hospital

You can sign up at: <https://bit.ly/btc-sunday>

## • Birthdays (No Anniversaries)

Suzanne Jones

Cindy Bathiany

Benjamin Hack

Steve McAllister

Eugene Lukjan

Zachary Hurtt

Donna Wilson

Mike Evans

Kemper Fugate

## • Discipleship Opportunities

Each week... All are welcome! No need to sign up.

### • Sundays, 9 a.m., History Room

We're spending a few months with Pastor Ed's new book, "Ordinary BenchMarks," available for purchase on Amazon or directly from Pastor Ed

### • Thursdays, 12 p.m., History Room

Studying Richard Rohr's book, *The Great Themes of Scripture: The Old Testament* to learn more about the first two thirds of the Bible

### • Wednesdays, 3 p.m. (Online)

We're studying Richard Rohr's book, *Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount*.

Book available from online sellers or Pastor Ed.

(Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/ccwednesday>)

## • Congregational Meeting – Today!

### Today, after the service

We will be taking action to review the 2024 financials, approve the 2025 budget, vote on congregational leadership, and get an update on the Open and Affirming Process. Please review the *Annual Report* and also the article from the Open and Affirming Team in *The Guide* prior to the meeting.

## • Interested in Joining our Church?

If you are interested in joining Christ Church as a covenant member, we are working on setting up our next time to do just that! Please contact **Pastor Ed** if you are interested!

## • Prayer Changes Us

### Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:

Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

### Prayer Requests:

Jeff McDonald, Nancy Castleman, Fred Nippert, Susan Gabbard, The family of Maxine Noble, Makayla, Jamie & Kelly Greenwalt, Mike Bizzarro, Dave Jager, Chris P., Bènè and Janis, Don Seifert, Rev. Andrew Bierkan, Mike & Laura Randall, Shane, Dave, Tim, Karen, Jerry Baynum, Betty Stein, Jan Kennedy, Allen, Tammy Weidinger, Jim Rechten Jr., Carol Manning, Danny Manning, Jana Guido, Béné, Nelly, Carol Blair

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

**If you would like to make a change, please contact the office: (859) 441-2565**